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ERVIN BERGDOLL SURRENDERS TO ARMY IN N. J.

Crowd Sees Fireman Plunged to His Death as Ladder Breaks at \$300,000 Chestnut St. Fire

ROMIG TAKES MAN TO ARMY PRISON; BRAUN WITH HIM

They Announce Themselves to Guard at Governors Island Slip

SLACKER REFUSES TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT GROVER

Buy Supply of Magazines and Fruit—Ready for Long Stay

"Glad It's All Over," Says Slacker When Jailed

"Just say for me that I am glad it is all over and I give myself up to take whatever punishment is meted out to me, so I can go back to my family and like like a white man when it is over."—Ervin Bergdoll.

Ervin R. Bergdoll, draft evader and brother of Grover, surrendered at 11:25 o'clock this morning to the military authorities in New York.

His identity was revealed by former Magistrate Romig, who accompanied him to the sergeant at the ferry to Governors island, and he was sent over under guard.

With Ervin also was Charles Braun, his elder brother. Braun changed his name because of the notoriety of the draft scandal in which Grover and Ervin were involved and Grover's earlier escapades.

Ervin is at present lodged in a cell at the disciplinary barracks at Castle William, Fort Jay, on Governors island. He is in the same barracks where his brother Grover was lodged when awaiting trial and after he had been sentenced by the court-martial.

Send Papers in Case

It was a strange coincidence that Ervin surrendered when Lieut. Romig brought him word that Ervin Bergdoll was outside. He hurried out of the court-martial and hurried to the prison. Ervin Bergdoll will get a prompt trial and will be tried at the court-martial of the surrender and the judge-advocate's department requested to send all papers in the case to Governors island immediately. Word was sent also to Philadelphia, and the district attorney's office here asked to send what papers it had bearing on the case.

Tomorrow a board of officers will be convened to inquire into the case and determine whether there is a court-martial, according to the usual military procedure.

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, his mother, was at her home in Philadelphia today. She said she did not know where Ervin was, but that it was the sensible thing to do. As soon as she is sure, she will go to New York to see him.

A report was received at the United States attorney's office in Philadelphia that both Grover and Ervin had surrendered. This was promptly denied at the judge-advocate's office at Governors island. The report likely was based on the fact that Ervin's brother, Charles, was with him.

Ervin's surrendering to Romig, Magistrate Romig said he did not know where Grover was. He added he would like to be able to surrender Grover also.

Approaches Sergeant

The boat for Governors island sails at 11:30 o'clock. A few moments before it was due to cast off three men came up to Sergeant George Smythe, who makes out the passes which are necessary if one is to go to the island.

The three men were short and stout. Another was a spruce young fellow, well but quiet of speech. He wore a new blue serge suit of good quality, and had on a soft pongee shirt. He wore an air of nonchalance which made the guard no reason to suspect that he might be confronting a notorious draft dodger and fugitive from the army authorities. The third was heavy set and had a close-cropped haircut. This was Charles Braun.

Asked Pass to Island

Romig approached the sergeant and asked for a pass to the island. The sergeant handed him a pass.

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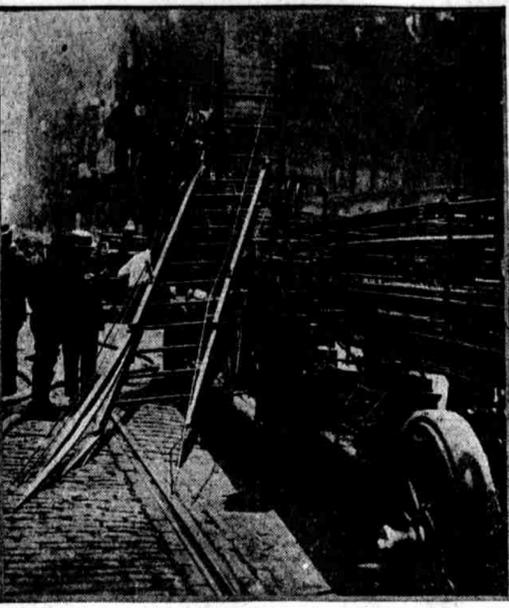
ALASKAN PLANES PUSH ON

Grand Rapids Reached by Two Army Machines

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 21.—(By A. P.)—Two of the Alaska-bound army planes, Nos. 2 and 3, arrived here today, having covered the fifteen-mile flight in four hours and fifteen minutes.

Engine trouble forced plane No. 1 to land near Ets. No. 3 reached Grand Rapids yesterday.

FIRE LADDER BREAK IS FATAL



The photograph shows the new extension ladder which broke today during a fire at 1615 Chestnut street, throwing five firemen to the street below. One was killed, the others injured.

TEN OTHERS HURT FIGHTING STUBBORN BLAZE IN RUG STORE

Extension Scaling Apparatus Crumples, Catapulting Six to Street Below

VICTIM HAD JUST AIDED IN RESCUING TWO WORKERS

Valuable Rugs Destroyed When Fritz & La Rue Shop Is Swept by Fire

Coroner Says 'Dry Rot' Caused Ladder Break

After an inspection of the extension ladder which fell today at the Fritz & La Rue fire, causing the death of a fire captain and the injury of five other firemen, Coroner Knight expressed the belief the ladder broke because of dry rot.

"I am inclined to believe dry rot caused the ladder to break," the coroner declared. "This condition could hardly be detected from the outside. If my belief is verified it apparently will exonerate the battalion chief of blame."

An acting battalion chief was killed and five other firemen hurt, two seriously, at 10:30 o'clock this morning when a detective ladder broke and hurled the men to the street in front of the five-story building of Fritz & La Rue, Inc., Oriental rug dealers, 1615 Chestnut street.

The fatal accident occurred a few minutes after the discovery of the three-alarm fire which caused damage estimated at more than \$500,000 and resulted in the injury of five other persons.

The ladder collapsed after two workmen had been rescued from the fifth floor of the burning building, and as the fire fighters were ascending the rungs with a line of hose trailing behind them.

Hurt On Way to Blaze

Two of the firemen in hospitals were hurt when Engine No. 41 overturned while speeding to the fire.

The dead: Captain Edward Schwarzkopf, forty-eight years old, 508 North Perth street, acting battalion chief and commander of Engine Company No. 26. Skull crushed.

The injured: Thomas McGill, thirty-two years old, 2327 Cypress street, ladderman, Truck Company No. 5. Fractured rib, laceration of right eye.

John J. Lynch, thirty-five years old, 300 North Stillman street, hoseman, Engine Company No. 43. Shoulder dislocated. May have internal injuries.

Balkie Franz, twenty-nine years old, 283 Oden street, ladderman, Truck Company No. 9. Injuries to legs and hand.

Harry Wolfrum, thirty years old, 2216 Cross street, hoseman, Engine Company No. 23. Skull fractured.

At Habernann Hospital: Lieutenant William P. Reed, forty-seven years old, 4061 Sanson street, detailed to Engine Company No. 43. Questions covering several angles of the situation were given the same response. At length Colonel Morden was told of rumors he had been asked to resign because of inefficiency.

It was then he shot back his explosive comment on "that tribe," and his remark he never was and never would be a politician.

"I intend to take a little vacation, work on my garden and take a few trips."

Speculate on Successor

City Hall is buzzing today over his successor.

Among the politicians it is openly asserted he was forced to resign when it became evident that he would not make appointments for political reasons or at the orders of the politicians.

One Colonel Morden told the witnesses are speculating on whether the temporary appointee, John H. Neeson, will get the post permanently.

With Colonel Morden named acting chief of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, is regularly principal engineer of the Bureau of Highways. Until Colonel Morden's resignation Neeson had been spoken of as the probable appointee to the vacant post of assistant director of the Department of Public Works.

The assistant director is a \$4000-a-year place. The chief of the Street Cleaning Bureau gets \$6000 a year. Mr. Neeson's permanent appointment to the job he now holds temporarily is completed by the existence of an eligible civil service list for the place, dating back to the examination taken by Colonel Morden for the post. He was first on the list; George A. Tabor, of Brooklyn, second, and Percy F. Valuable Rugs Destroyed

The blaze began on the upper floor of the five-story building which was stocked with rare carpets and rugs valued at many thousands of dollars.

On the fifth floor, working in a repair shop, were two Armenian workmen, Kazanjian and Kouneanian.

As Kazanj, 19 drew up in front of the building the two workmen leaped from a fifth-story window with the flames crackling a few score yards behind them.

Captain Schwarzkopf ordered a ladder run up to the fifth floor. The ladder used was brand new. It was raised quickly while nimble laddermen ran up, got the two workers and brought them down safely.

The acting battalion chief then led hosemen and laddermen up the rungs, trailing a line of hose after them. The men were going up hand-over-hand.

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FOUR DIE IN WHISKY FIRE

Saloonkeeper and Bartender Held on Manslaughter Charge

Jersey City, N. J., July 21.—(By A. P.)—Andrew Polski, a saloonkeeper, and his bartender, were arrested here today on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the fire which last night partly destroyed Polski's saloon, burning to death his wife and three children.

Other persons were seriously burned.

The police alleged the flames started in a storeroom believed to have contained liquor of high alcoholic content and apparatus for the manufacture of whiskey.

Polski, the police say, admitted he had gone into the storeroom, not long before the fire started, with a lighted candle.

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DIES ON BOARDWALK

G. A. R. Veteran Succumbs at Atlantic City

Jacob Trson, seventy years of age, employed as a gardener at 353 East Walnut lane, died suddenly on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City.

Trson was carrying a stroll with his granddaughter, Miss Catherine McNamee, of 3823 Knox street, was seized with a sudden spell. He was escorted to the Rijn Pavilion at South Carolina avenue, where he collapsed. He first aid was administered by Dr. Eugene Hanock, but he succumbed without regaining consciousness.

A stroke of apoplexy was assigned as the cause of death. He was a G. A. R. veteran.

PALMER TO TAKE REST

Attorney General Goes to His Home in Stroudsburg

Attorney General Palmer, on his way to his home in Stroudsburg, rested over night at the Bellevue-Stratford. He left on an early train this morning.

"I haven't a thing to say, not a thing," he said this morning. "The fact is I am tired out, and am on my way home for a rest."

R. R. WAGE AWARD ACCEPTABLE, SAYS HARRY S. JEFFERY

Advisory Board Chairman Raps Pennsylvania for Cut in Employes

HE MAKES NO COMMENT ON INCREASE FOR OTHER MEN

Reading Road Shows Good Judgment in No Lay-Offs, Asserts Official

H. S. Jeffery, chairman of the Philadelphia tandem advisory board of the shop workers' federation on the Pennsylvania lines, stated at Chicago that the railroad labor board's award was satisfactory to the shop workers.

He made no comment, however, on the P. R. R. lay-off of 11,000 men which he called unjustified. He urged workers to speed up production.

The wage increase awarded by the federal board has apparently dissipated danger of an immediate strike.

The increased wage award to railroad clerks and shopmen was said to be "generally acceptable" by Harry S. Jeffery, chairman of the Philadelphia-Camden advisory board of the railroad workers' federations.

Mr. Jeffery, who telegraphed his views to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER from Chicago, made no comment on the awards to workers in the passenger, freight and yard services.

His silence on that point was interpreted as dissatisfaction, which had his counterpart in expressions from railroad men here. Brotherhood men and "outlaws" alike insisted their complete demands should have been met.

Mr. Jeffery's view of the situation as telegraphed by him, follows:

"The award to clerks and shopmen generally acceptable, but lay-off of 11,000 men in eastern region by Pennsylvania Railroad will complicate matters greatly at this time. There is no justification in the lay-off, especially when the railroad is daily working thousands of employes overtime at penalty rates.

"Also the fact that the railroad refuses during the warm weather to permit employes to work a half day Saturday.

"The employes prefer that forces not be reduced, but instead out on the overtime at penalty rates, granting Saturday afternoons off during July, August and September.

"The fact that the railroad has been made and is generally acceptable, let one and all the employes, the employers and the public get together and strive to secure production by giving value received for wages paid with maximum results at minimum expense.

"A job for every man and a man for every job.

"The Reading Railway shows for good faith, purpose and business judgment by not laying off any of its employes at this time."

H. S. Jeffery.

Official Defends Lay-off

An official of the Pennsylvania Railroad today refused "to dignify with a reply" Mr. Jeffery's charge that there is no justification in the lay-off of 12,000 employes.

"The railroad being had business to drop the 12,000 men, it would have been had business to keep them," said the official.

It was stated that clerical employes and shopmen would feel the brunt of the retrenchment order.

Asked if the employes who will be dismissed by the lay-off order will benefit by their being increased to official status that insures as the increase is retroactive to May 1, the men to be dismissed will benefit.

"The men of the country have jointly filed a new tariff schedule with the Interstate Commerce Commission to include the added expense of operating railroads by the wage increase award."

RAIL BOARD AWARD HALTS STRIKE TALK

(Chicago, July 21.—(By A. P.)—Danger of an immediate strike of railway workers of the country apparently has dissipated when the 2000 representatives of the sixteen railway crafts resumed their conference here today to consider the \$900,000,000 wage increase granted by the railway labor board in its decision handed down yesterday.

The box workers were the least dissatisfied over the amount of the award on the part of the union men.

Yesterday's group conferences, extended far into the night without any decision as to acceptance or rejection.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS OF THE YACHT RACE

RESOLUTE INCREASES LEAD TO A QUARTER MILE

SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 21.—With more than half the first leg covered it was estimated that Resolute was leading Shamrock by a quarter mile. The yachts were still standing in toward Long Branch and it seemed possible that when they came about the mark could be fetched on a long tack.

EXTRA

SECRETARY BAKER PRAISES HOG ISLAND

Secretary of War Baker and his party arrived at West Philadelphia station shortly after one o'clock this afternoon to attend the seven launchings at Hog Island. When questioned about the future of Hog Island, the secretary said: "I know nothing about the future of Hog Island, as it is purely a commercial proposition. I am, therefore, not qualified to talk about it. Hog Island, however, has been of great service as a wartime expedient."

SAILOR COMITS SUICIDE IN ARCH STREET HOTEL

Arthur Childs, said to be a chief petty officer in the navy shot and killed himself this morning in a hotel at 931 Arch street. He left a note addressed to Miss Mary Wisner, 241 E. Willey street. The sum of \$347 was found in his clothing.

WHISKY IN AUTO CRASH

Three Quarts Demolished and Two Men Hurt in Smash-Up

John W. Paul, twenty years old, 5021 Trinity place, and John F. Duane, twenty-two years old, 1608 Ritter street, narrowly escaped serious injury when the auto in which they were riding turned over early today at Rising Sun avenue and the Roosevelt boulevard. Three quarts of whisky and two bottles of ginger ale were demolished.

They were returning from a trip to Trenton and at the intersection of the two streets Paul swerved to avoid hitting another machine. The car skidded a distance of sixty feet and then overturned, pinning Paul beneath.

The motor truck, loaded with bananas, the machine and treated for slight injuries at a nearby drug store. Duane was uninjured. Both were arrested by Police officers, of the Branchtown police station, charged with reckless driving. Magistrate Price held Paul under \$500 bail for a further hearing and discharged Duane.

FALLS FROM TRUCK; KILLED

Unidentified Boy is Victim of Accident on Castor Road

An unidentified boy about sixteen years old was killed by Castor road near Roosevelt boulevard this morning when he fell out of a motor truck on which he was being given a free ride.

The motor truck, loaded with bananas, was being driven by a driver, Fred Crispino, of South Clinton avenue, Trenton, said he did not know the boy's name. The boy came to him at the dock here this morning, he said, and asked for a ride.

"I'll do any work you want me to do," the boy said to the driver, according to the latter's story before Magistrate Costello, who held him without bail to await the action of the coroner.

How the boy happened to fall off and under the wheels, the driver said he did not know. The boy's skull was crushed. He died in the Frankford Hospital.

The boy wore a gray shirt, blue knickerbockers, black stockings and shoes and had dark hair and eyes.

OFFICIALS ON WAY HERE

Baker and March in Party That Come for Launchings Today

Secretary of War Baker and his party left Washington this morning at 10 o'clock to attend the launchings at Hog Island today.

Included in the party were General Peyton C. March and other notable persons. The party will be met at the Hog Island wharf by the training camp cadets, here from their training camp at Camp Dix, will line up at the entrance to the shipyard and render the usual military courtesies.

After the launchings, Secretary Baker will inspect the shipyard.

CHILD'S BODY IN RIVER

The body of a male child about one month old was found floating in the Delaware River opposite Pier 9, North Wharves, last night. The body was found and seen in the water for some time, the police said. It was sent to the Morgue.

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WHEN YOU THINK OF WRITING THINK OF WRITING—WRITING

YANKEE YACHT WRESTS LEAD FROM BRITON

Shamrock Crosses Line First and Gains on Resolute at the Start

DEFENDER SPEEDS UP; GETS 200-YARD ADVANTAGE

American Sloop Gets Away Nineteen Seconds After Lipton's Boat

STRUGGLE IS CLOSE

Captain Adams Foils Attempt of Rival Skipper to Fore-reach Resolute

By the Associated Press

Sandy Hook, N. J., July 21.—Although the challenger, Shamrock IV, crossed the line first and led the defender, Resolute, at the start of today's cup race, the American sloop succeeded in wresting the lead from her rival in the first hour.

At 1:38 Resolute was leading by 200 yards a new knot breeze.

At 12:32 the regatta committee hoisted signals for the course, a beat south by west to a point about eight miles off Asbury Park, with a run back to the Ambrose channel lightship. Each leg is fifteen miles. Two minutes before a new breeze from the south-south-east gave some indications of holding.

The preparatory signal was blown at 12:45 for a start at 1 o'clock. The wind was very light, but the yachts seemed to pick it up and moved fairly fast.

The warning signal was blown at 12:55, when both sloops were bearing for position. The starting signal was sounded at 1 p. m. Shamrock crossed at 1:00:22, Resolute at 1:00:41, official time, and both sailed away on the first fifteen-mile leg of their thirty-mile windward and leeward course.

Shamrock Well in Lead

Just before the start of the race the two sloops shifted headwinds several times. When the warning signal came they were working back and forth to windward rapidly in the light breeze. Resolute, although to windward, appeared to have a better breeze than Shamrock. At 1:30 both boats were still holding the port tack for the Jersey shore, with Resolute a quarter of a mile to windward of Shamrock's wake. Shamrock had increased her lead to three-eighths of a mile.

At 1:50 Shamrock was well ahead of Resolute, but as if she could cross the defender's bow if she went about on the starboard tack. It looked as if she would have a margin of several hundred yards in crossing. Shamrock, with her Seabright pilot aboard, was evidently holding in shore for a fair breeze.

Shamrock was ghosting along in surprising fashion with a small bow in her teeth as she headed in shore to catch the breeze that came off the Jersey shore lightships.

Her crew, along the weather rail and Captain Burton held her close on the edge of the wind. Far to weather was Resolute, but the defender evidently had been reached on the long port board in shore.

At 1:50 Shamrock was within two miles of the Highlands and seemed to be coming right into the arms of spectators who lined the shore. She seemed to be getting a better breeze than Resolute and to be steadily gaining. On the tack in shore Resolute seemed to have trouble pinching to windward. At 1:52 Shamrock tacked out to sea.

Resolute Takes Lead

Resolute held on the port tack and the two yachts began to converge. Then Resolute managed to cross Shamrock's bow at 1:55, and then tacked to starboard. Shamrock tacked to port a minute later, but Resolute herself came about and established herself on Shamrock's weather port. Resolute was leading by 100 yards.

As the two sloops stood inshore Shamrock again endeavored by footing to fore-reach her rival, but Captain Adams kept Resolute higher into the wind and ste further out to weather. Both yachts seemed to lose speed as they shot under the lee of shore. At 1:58 Resolute was leading by 200 yards and the wind had breezed up to 6 knots.

Working down the Shrewsbury gas buoy, Skipper Burton broke out a tiny baby jib (usually barely larger than a woman's handkerchief). At 2:00 Shamrock went over on the starboard tack and approached Resolute, which was working inshore on a port board. As the yachts approached each other,

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